

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 36 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and please substitute Claims 37 to 52 therefor, as follows:

1. to 36. (Cancelled)

37. (New) A laser device comprising:

a light source for emitting a laser beam;

a lens through which the laser beam emitted from said light source is transmitted; and

a holder having a tubular portion for holding said light source and said lens,

wherein said tubular portion has a plurality of holding portions each holding said lens in a circumferential direction, and a plurality of notch portions each not holding said lens, and the holding portions and the notch portions are alternatively provided.

38. (New) A laser device according to Claim 37, wherein said lens is held in internal surfaces of said holding portions.

39. (New) A laser device according to Claim 37, wherein said holding portions hold said lens using adhesive that becomes hardened by illuminating a light.

40. (New) A laser device according to Claim 37, wherein said holding portions are arranged in the circumferential direction at even intervals.

41. (New) A laser device according to Claim 37, wherein said holding portions and said notch portions are provided by three or more odd numbers.

42. (New) A laser device according to Claim 37, wherein said notch portions are regions where a chuck for gripping said lens moves when relative position between said light source and said lens is adjusted.

43. (New) A laser device according to Claim 37, wherein depth in a generatrix direction of said tubular portion of said notch portions is larger than a thickness of said lens.

44. (New) A laser device according to Claim 37, wherein an edge in a generatrix direction of said tubular portion of said holding portions is projected from a surface of a side of said lens from which the laser beam is emitted.

45. (New) A laser device according to Claim 37, wherein a gap in a generatrix direction of said tubular portion exists between a bottom of said notch portions and a surface of a side of said lens to which the laser beam is injected.

46. (New) A laser device according to Claim 37, wherein each of said holding portions has a second notch portion to which adhesive for bonding said lens and said holding portions is poured.

47. (New) A laser device according to Claim 46, wherein depth in a generatrix direction of said tubular portion of said second notch portions is smaller than a depth of said notch portions.

48. (New) A laser device according to Claim 46, wherein a bottom of said second notch portions is tapered in a generatrix direction of said tubular portion.

49. (New) A laser device according to Claim 48, wherein the bottom of said second notch portions becomes lower from an outer surface of said tubular portion toward an internal surface of said tubular portion in accordance with the taper.

50. (New) A laser device according to Claim 48, wherein the bottom of said second notch portions become lower from an internal surface of said tubular portion toward an outer surface of said tubular portion in accordance with the taper.

51. (New) A laser device according to Claim 37, wherein said lens is a collimator lens for making the laser beam emitted from said light source a substantially parallel beam.

52. (New) A lens position adjustment method in a laser device, comprising the steps of:

fixing a light source emitting a laser beam to a holder having a tubular portion with notches therein;

adjusting a relative position of said light source and said lens by moving a chuck in a notch of said tubular portion in a state that said lens is gripped by the chuck; and

fixing said lens to a fixing part of said tubular portion.